Public Utility Commission

5051. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to set up a Public Utility Coommission in the country to look into the consumers grievances; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): *(a) and (b) In accordance* with the recommendation of the Central Consumer Protection Council, the Central Government constituted a working Group to examine the necessity of setting up of Public Utilities Commission. The Report was submitted by the Working Group. Public Utilities Commission is a new concept in our country and various ramifications of the proposal have to be considered in depth before arriving at a decision.

Allotment of Levy Sugar to Maharashtra

5052. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allotment of levy sugar to the State of Maharashtra still continues on the basis of old projected population of 1986 and if so, the details of the allotment of sugar made to the State during the year 1993-94;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State did not receive about 15,000 MT of levy sugar out of the total allotment during 1993-94 and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details of the steps taken to ensure the supply of entire alloted to that State;

(c) whether Government had received any request from the Government of Maharashtra to increase the quantum of levy sugar as per latest population and if so, the details of increase demanded by Government of Maharashtra; and

(d) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The allotment of levy sugar to the State of Maharashtra still contnues on the basis of projected population as on 1-10-1986. The details of allotment of levy sugar made to Maharashtra State on the above basis during 1993-94 are given as under :

(i) Monthly quota of levy sugar:	29938 M.T.
(ii) 5 per cent ad hoc increase (allowed from August 1991 to March, 1994):	1497 M.T.
(iii) Yearly festival Quota: (calender year-wise)	9014 M.T.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra during June, 1994 had reported that they could not lift levy sugar to the tune of 15, 393.9 M.T. from January upto Moy, 1994 within the specified validity period. It was, however, decided that quantity of 3,500.00 M.T. be re-alloted to the State Government to meet the short-fall and the remaining quantity was treated as lapsed. The State Government of Maharashtra was also informed accordingly.

(c) No demand for increasing the levy quota of sugar of Maharashtra has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra recently.